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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Clarence L. Bell, DOB: 07/25/1984, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 115 months in prison without parole for unlawfully possessing a sawed-off Remington shotgun on October 20, 2004, in Madison. Bell pleaded guilty to this charge on February 11, 2005.

The firearm was located during a search of 4606 Jenewein Road, Apartment #3. The government established that Bell was living at that apartment and that he knew the shotgun was there. As a convicted felon, Bell is prohibited from possessing firearms. Bell has several felony convictions, including a 2001 battery to prisoners conviction from Waukesha County.

The charges against Bell were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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